(b) Construction and operation of bulk, Multipurpose and specialized cargo berths.

(c) Warehousing, Container Freight Stations, storage facilities and tank farms.

(d) Cranage/Handling Equipment.

(e) Setting up of captive power plants.

(f) Dry docking and ship repair facilities.

(iii) Leasing of equipment for port handling and leasing of floating crafts from the private sector.

(iv) Pilotage.

(v) Captive facilities for Port-based industries.

The above areas are indicative in nature and individual ports can expand the scope of activities after prior consultation with Central Government.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. These guidelines aim at providing bankable documents, uniformity as well as reducing time in finalising bids for private sector port projects by specifying clear-cut bidding procedures, qualification criteria, content and evaluation criteria for technical proposals, selection criteria, financial bid format, revenue sharing, procedure for redeployment of surplus labour, compensation in the event of default, termination procedure, disputes resolution etc. The guidelines also enjoin that private investment does not result in private monopolies and contain safeguards for protection of national security interests.

Long-term plan for Inland Water Transport

1315. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed any long-term plan to develop inland water transport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the tenure of the long-term plan to develop inland water transport;

(c) whether a separate task force is proposed to be set-up for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) The Government intends to develop Inland Water Transport mode through plan assistance and private sector participation. No specific long-term plan has been drawn up.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Projects for welfare of disabled in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh

1316. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed any project(s) for the welfare of the disabled in collaboration with the State Governments and Rehabilitation Council of India in the States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such project(s);

(c) the funds proposed for the same; and

(d) the other steps Government have taken, till date, to improve the standard of living of the disabled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) A number of schemes and programmes are being supported for education, training and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities through the National Institutes, Composite Rehabilitation Centres, Regional Rehabilitation Centres and District Disability Rehabilitation Centres. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are also assisted under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities (Umbrella Scheme) and Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP). Soft loans are provided by National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) for self-employment ventures. 3% reservation in identified posts is provided in Government and semi- Government organizations. 3% earmarking is also there under poverty alleviation programmes. In addition, various States are also providing facilities and concessions like pension, unemployment allowance, transport subsidies, etc.